Solzhenitsyn and the U.S.

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The exile of Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn should not result in an end to U.S.-Russian efforts at world peace, President Nixon said last night.

"I am an admirer of the man who won the Nobel Prize for literature," the President told a news conference, adding he admired the writer's personal courage. VIX AD FEB 2 6 1974

However, he went on, talks between the superpowers should go on because "It is essential that both nations, superpowers that they are, continue negotiations to limiting arms . . . and reductions of forces in Europe and reductions of arms or certainly limitations of arms."

Mr. Nixon said that "if breaking relations" or going back to the cold war era of confrontation would free Solzhenitsyn, he might consider such a course. But he added:

"Do we want to go back to a period in which the two great superpowers were in confrontation with each other . . . or do we want to continue on a path in which we recognize our difference but also recognize the fact that we must either live together or we will all die together."

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